3: Rasmussen--47-48 (c. 1923) 1932 Copper Eskimo
116, 751

"Amulets are called: 'attachments,' and people say of them: 'no matter what it is, one must simply be pleased with it'. Among the more important amulets, however, there are: ermines, because they make one light of foot; the skin of the great northern diver, which gives strong life, for this bird hangs on to life very tenaciously; skins of gulls make clever fishermen, especially if at birth one has been wiped clean with one of these skins; wolf bones make men clever hunters; bones of a dog have the effect that, if one is murdered by men, revenge will be taken by the soul of the dog; the skin of a red-throated diver, especially if one has been wiped clean with one of these at birth, gives health and long life; a piece of skin from the head of a black bear, sewn on to the back of the inner coat, gives strength; bees, sewn into a piece of skin and placed in the arm-hole of the inner coat, give hard blows when boxing and great ability to stand hard blows; the head, [48] claws or skin of a falcon give courage, for a falcon is not afraid of attacking birds bigger than itself; parts of an eagle's beak or claws give luck in all kinds of hunting."

7: Jenness--B43 (1914-16) 1923 Copper Eskimo
116, 151, 751, 821

"No tests were made of the vision. In general it seemed good, though probably no better than that of white people living a similar life in the open air. The natives are quick at detecting objects at a distance, such as caribou on a hill-slope or a seal far out on the ice. From this one is very apt to imagine that their sight must be remarkably keen, but the fact really is that from infancy upward they are trained to scan the horizon for game and to detect every little irregularity or unusual appearance. The men take care to wear snow-goggles continually in the spring of the year, but some of the women never trouble about them. One elderly woman who had rather keener vision than usual told me that she never used snow-goggles and had never suffered from snow-blindness."

29: Jenness E-5 (1914-1916) 1959
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kinsman Ikpuck. For the rest, he was an energetic hunter, a good sealer, and a very skilful fisherman, qualities that rank high in an Eskimo community. His marriage yielded him no children, but his wife, whose first husband had died a few years earlier, brought a fourteen-year-old son in her train.

Even the children had many little duties to perform in this our last camp on the sea-ice, while the fathers hunted seals and caribou, and the mothers sorted out the household things they intended to leave on the coast, or filled the pokes of blubber they were storing away for the autumn months. Each family had two pokes that weighed, when full, between three hundred and four hundred pounds, and our most pressing task for the moment was to dispose of them. Most people would have found it very unpleasant to cram a bag with oily seal blubber; but the women, accustomed to the task from childhood, merely put on their oldest clothes, rolled up the coat-sleeves, and buried their arms in the greasy mass without the slightest hesitation.

Not all the oil that exuded from the blubber found its way into the pokes. The women rubbed some of it over their faces to mitigate the effect of sunburn, and recommended the same treatment for my own weather-beaten countenance. Sunburn hardly seemed credible when the temperature of the atmosphere remained constantly below the freezing-point; but the sun now shone throughout the twenty-four hours of